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addition^t of this kind is in reality a discussion of general methods in large part, but is presented as a text in special methods of high-school instruction. While there is little in Professor Foster's book which one would call new, it contains many practical suggestions which are the result of actual experience in a number of teaching and administrative positions.

The book opens with a discussion of the meaning of method and the principles underlying methods of teaching in secondary schools. The treatment of the general problem of high-school teaching includes the usual topics of aims of instruction, lesson development, the recitation mode, the question, standards and measurements in instruction, etc. At the end of each chapter appear questions for discussion and suggestions for supplementary reading. An appendix presents sample lesson plans in physical geography, algebra, United States history, Spanish, English, and home economics. While the discussion and the lesson plans seem somewhat out of date, the book as a whole offers material which will be of considerable assistance to both experienced and inexperienced teachers.

History of the American public school.—It is the belief of the writer of a recent book² on the history of education that historical perspective is indispensable to an adequate comprehension of present-day education in America. To give this necessary perspective, the author confines his attention largely to the historical phases of the American public school system. Barring a chapter on Rousseau, one on Pestalozzi, and one on Herbart and Froebel, the entire discussion deals with American education from colonial times to the present.

As a whole, the work is very elementary in character. The author states that it is merely an attempt to arrange the material as set forth in the secondary sources in such a way as to meet the needs of normal-school students. The general plan followed throughout the book is to present a brief discussion of a great many topics. This procedure makes the book appear encyclopedic, somewhat dry, and rather formal. No additional references are suggested to elaborate the author's treatment of the numerous topics included.

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